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Sir:

Applicants' attorneys have received a Response To Request For Corrected Filing Receipt dated November 15, 2001 (copy attached), which states that an "amendment or Application Data Sheet" is required to change the title of the invention listed on the official Filing Receipt. Applicants submit, however, that no amendment is necessary, because the change to the title requested in the Request For Corrected Filing Receipt filed on September 28, 2001 is not to amend the original title but is merely to correct the erroneous title listed on the official Filing Receipt mailed on August 15, 2001 to the original title listed on the first page of the specification and on the inventors' Declaration (copies attached).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request issuance of a corrected Filing Receipt to correct the title of the invention to read as follows:

-- DATA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, PRINTING SYSTEM
AND DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS -- .

A copy of the Filing Receipt is attached with the proposed changes marked in red.

Also, submitted herewith is an Application Data Sheet for this application.

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PRINTING SYSTEM AND DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS

is attached hereto. was filed on February 17, 1998 as Application No. 09/024,187, the specification of which

and was amended _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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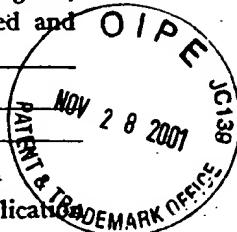
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DATA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, PRINTING SYSTEM AND
DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

5 Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a data communication system, a printing system and a data communication apparatus, and in particular to a system in which data are exchanged among apparatuses.

10 Related Background Art

The most frequently employed peripheral devices for personal computers are hard disks and printers. For data communication, these peripheral devices are connected to personal computers by a digital interface (hereinafter referred to as a digital I/F) such as a SCSI IF, which is a typical, general-purpose interface for small computers.

Digital cameras and digital video cameras are also types of peripheral devices used as input means for personal computers (hereinafter referred to as PCs). As the technique has been developed, static pictures and animated pictures acquired by a digital camera or a video camera are fetched to a PC for storage on a hard disk, or are edited by using a PC and are printed on a color printer, and users for the digital cameras are increased.

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Title

System, printing system and data communication apparatus
Data communication apparatus, method and system and programs for data communication
process stored in computer readable storage medium

Preliminary Class

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